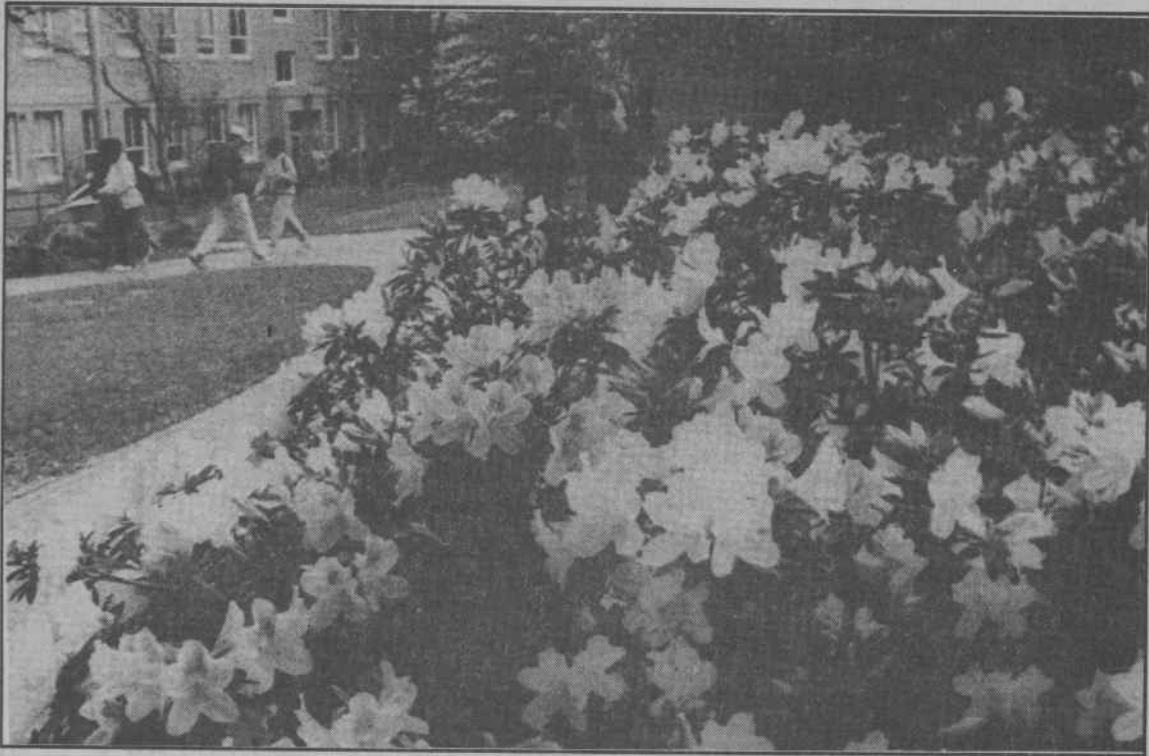


Enjoying an early spring



NIKKI THORPE The Gamecock

With the help of record breaking high temperatures, flowers are already in bloom, and students go outside to enjoy the spring-like weather.

Hazing accusations result in hearings, disciplinary action for nine Citadel cadets

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upperclassmen and classmates of physical and verbal abuse as well as sexual harassment. Among their charges: Clothing they were wearing was set afire, they were forced to drink alcohol and large amounts of tea, they were kicked and forced into strenuous physical activity and they had deodorant and cleanser placed in their mouths.

Messer enrolled at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Mentavlos tried USC for a few days but dropped out.

Meanwhile, repercussions from their accusations are likely to be felt indefinitely.

A federal judge is awaiting a consultant's report evaluating how The Citadel handled assimilation of women into the corps of cadets.

The Citadel has a parallel study under way. Retired Citadel President James Grimsley is heading that effort. Both are thought to be looking at the role of who handles training and discipline.

For years, critics of The Citadel's adversarial system pointed to sophomores as incapable of leading freshmen through the rigorous first year of training.

But results of the disciplinary hearing show that hazing accusations by Messer and Mentavlos touched all four classes almost equally.

Two seniors lost rank and were told not to leave campus until May.

They were given demerits and demoted to private.

One was ordered to march with a rifle for 120 hours. The other must do the same for 80 hours.

Others found guilty were given marching punishments and remained confined to their rooms.

All cadets lost rank and some were transferred to other companies. Poole characterized that kind of punishment as serious, especially because the upperclassmen will lose privileges that will be difficult to regain with lower ranks.

Senior Charles Perreault

of Columbia is chief spokesman for the 1,700-member corps. He said "anytime something like this goes on, it affects the cadets' life in every facet."

"There will be a definite sense of satisfaction that this is done with. This is over. Nothing else is going to happen. The punishment has been dealt. I think there's a sense of relief."

As for whether cadets believe the allegations were exaggerated, Perreault said, "If everything was found to be true, then we would see a lot more cadets than one being dismissed."



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